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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments below.

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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-9 (Previously Cancelled.)

10. (Currently Amended) A vehicle cradle for removably receiving a portable terminal in a motorized vehicle used to deliver items to a destination address, the portable terminal being operable at a location remote from the vehicle cradle and when within the vehicle cradle, said cradle comprising:

a housing configured to allow a user to secure and remove the portable terminal;

a power management system for delivering power to the portable terminal when secured to the housing;

a communication port for communicating data from the vehicle cradle to the portable terminal; the data including a customer destination location for a delivery of completed order by the motorized vehicle; and

a GPS system locator coupled to said communication port for generating a location signal and transmitting said location signal to the portable terminal;

wherein the vehicle cradle includes an antenna operable to receive order data from the portable terminal, which vehicle cradle couples to a wide area network via a wide area network access point to transmit the order data over the wide area network to an order server;

whereby the location of the motorized vehicle is transmitted to the portable terminal by the vehicle cradle.

Claim 11-38 (Previously Cancelled.)

39. (Previously Amended) A system for fulfilling orders placed from a remote computer, said system comprising:

a communication network for communicating an order from the remote computer to a central order processor, said order including a customer destination location for delivering a completed order;